

A Dyspeptic and Atrabillious Editor.

A victim of one of Edmund Burke's attacks, gave as a reason for there being no snakes in Ireland, that their venom was all concentrated in the Irish orator. We do not know how the Greenville editor gets his supply, but we are sure that he exhibits venom and ill, the "the contortions of the sphinx, without the inspiration." We cannot believe that he is any "method in his madness," and that he has so small a modicum of sense, as to mistake the true mission of the press and to suppose that it indulges its sole end when it indulges in vilification and abuse. No! he boils over and splutters from "pure cussedness"—because he can't help it—it is ingrained in his very nature.

"Let dogs delight to bite and bark For God hath made them so."

Did he indulge only in an occasional attack upon a brother editor, or pour out the vials of his wrath upon a set occasion, we might attribute his abuse to a temporary fit of indignation, making him "as hot as a glass of red wine," but when he indulges in the same ratio that it excited his passions; but when personal abuse, and self conceived laudation form the staple of all he writes, we must think the malady chronic and perhaps incurable. We shall not attempt to play the part of his physician, nor attempt a cure by imitating his example, like the Spartans who attempted to cure drunkenness by exhibiting in public, their drunken slaves. The remedy would be worse than the disease and the physician in a worse fix than the patient. We have neither taste nor talent for slinging mud; and at our time of life have no motive to change our tactics, or fight our battles with poisoned arrows.

As we have said, the most charitable construction to put upon our brother's acts is that he cannot help being cross-grained, ill-natured and uncharitable. He writes as his nature prompts, and the result is, as is always the case where there is either a lack of brains, or a lack of research—that instead of discussion we have invective—personal abuse instead of argument.

Perhaps too, the Greenville editor congratulates himself upon the fact, that whilst indulging his powers, he can fill up his columns more easily. To gather useful facts, to put them in logical order, and to reason out political and economic propositions, requires some intellect, and some research, whilst any fool can use epithets and open the floodgates of abuse. We refer to the columns of the Greenville News for the past six months, for an alarming death of all the qualities of a newspaper editor, which go to make up a great newspaper editor, but on the other hand, an excess of the violence and abuse, which characterizes the worst forms of Journalism. The editor may indulge his inclinations, to their "full bent." We will pursue our own course.

Yellow Fever.
We learn, that Mrs. Marse, now Mrs. Sessions, returned from Florida last Friday, as a refugee from the fever.

Mrs. Carrie Richey, wife of Mr. J. Augustus Richey, formerly of this place, but now of Birmingham, Ala., arrived in town last Saturday at noon, bringing her three children.

We have no authentic information, but the report has been put in the air, that she is a refugee from yellow fever in Birmingham.

There was a case of it in the house of her next-door neighbor in that city.

We could trace the report as to yellow fever being in the house of her next-door neighbor to no reliable source, and it may be all error but it is certain that the citizens of any locality may be infected. New York and Philadelphia have suffered with it. Hendersonville has it. Deatur has it, and possibly Birmingham has it. Yellow fever patients from any of these places may bring it among us, and we should not be unmindful of the fact.

Owing to our altitude, and our remoteness from the sea or any great water course, it is not at all probable that the disease will ever be an epidemic in Abbeville village, but there is no reason why any individual citizen may not have the fever, if he comes within range of infected persons, or of healthy persons having communicated with infected persons or places.

As a rule yellow fever does not become epidemic in countries at great altitudes above the sea, but there are cases on record where the disease has been epidemic in places above the sea. While in the valley of the Mississippi a few years ago its highest range was some six hundred feet above the sea level. The altitude of Abbeville, we believe is about seven hundred feet—from two thousand to three thousand feet being considered above the danger line.

While the disease will never be an epidemic with us, its presence would be greatly dreaded. One of the greatest dangers of having yellow fever in places remote from the scene of its origin lies in the lack of intelligent medical attention, as well as in the inability to secure the services of willing and reliable nurses. We learn, however, that some of our own doctors are reading up on the subject, and are making themselves familiar with the most successful practice in such cases, thus depriving the disease of one of its most dreaded incidents—a doctor who is not familiar with the practice.

Death in Our Wells.

The long continued wet weather has no doubt furnished a smaller or a greater amount of "surface water" for every well, and as "surface water" often, if not always, contains deadly poison, careful or prudent persons will have the water frequently drawn off. We hear of several cases of typhoid in the county, and in some instances below neighbors are at death's door. No mortal man can assign with positive certainty the cause in any particular instance, but every intelligent citizen knows that water is the most fruitful source of typhoid. Poison taken into the stomach in water is more powerful, more certain, and more effective than in any other way. When the sparkling water may be for us "the destruction that wasteth at noonday," we are admonished to be careful lest we die of the disease—typhoid fever—which is as much to be dreaded as yellow fever, and which is fully as fatal in the percent of cases.

Even if sickness and death were not to be dreaded, we should for economic reasons alone use all possible means to prevent typhoid fever. The cost of nurses, medicines, doctors, coffins and funeral expenses would in a majority of cases greatly exceed the necessary outlay for drawing the water from our wells.

From the very nature of things, our wells must be, and always will be, a source of danger to health. The water itself in its purest state, is filtered through a substratum of clay, sand, or other formation far below the surface, but when water seeps through the walls of our wells from top, or surrounding earth, which has been impregnated with every degree of impurity and filth, no reasonable being can doubt that our water fountains are the receptacles for much of the vilest filth and poison. When it is remembered that a well, by the natural law of gravitation, draws the top surface of water in all directions for about three times its depth, we are not amazed that there is filth, destruction and death in the pit from which we draw water.

Augusta is in telegraphic communication with many points along the Savannah. Would it not be well for the city authorities, or the Chronicle, to make such arrangements with local correspondents as would enable the city people to be informed of an approaching flood? If the rainfall at the different

places were telegraphed to the city the people could form their own conclusions, and merchants might have thousands of dollars' worth of goods. If it had been known that a great freshet might reasonably be expected goods could have been moved up-stairs.

The Election for Clerk.

The town has been thoroughly stirred up for the last several days on the subject of the election for Clerk of the Court. Politicians prospective candidates, and news-gatherers have been in crowds, talking of the situation and speculating on the probable result. The following persons have up to this time declared themselves as candidates, and we have been authorized to make the announcements in the order in which they are named below:

1. Capt. E. Cowan.
2. A. M. Aiken.
3. Capt. Wade E. Cotman.
4. Gen. R. R. Hemphill.
5. Dr. J. D. Connor.
6. Dr. J. W. Wideman.
7. W. T. McDonald.
8. Thos. L. Moore.

The names of many other citizens have been mentioned in connection with the office, but we have not been authorized to connect their names with the candidacy. It will be noticed that Senator Hemphill's name appears among the list of candidates for Clerk. In case he should be elected to that office, he would declare himself a candidate then we would have an election for Senator to fill the vacancy which would occur on his resignation. W. H. Parker, Esq., Colonel Eugene B. Gary and W. O. Bradley, Esq., have been suggested as probable or possible candidates for Senator, if the vacancy should occur. The reader will understand that we are not authorized to say that either would be a candidate. In this statement we merely give the idle talk on the street, without giving authoritative expression from either of the gentlemen named.

The question has been raised as to whether Senator Hemphill should resign before he runs for the office of Clerk of the Court. There is a wide difference of opinion as to what he should do. A number have been very pronounced in their expressions that he should resign, and the opinion has been advanced that he could not possibly be elected Clerk whilst holding on to the place of Senator.

On the other hand, it is said by some that he should not resign; that the fact of his election for Clerk of the Court would make an opening for Senatorial aspirants, and that the prospective candidates for Senator, and their respective friends, whatever may be their personal preferences, for this reason alone would throw no stone in Senator Hemphill's way. The example of Judge Cotman is supported in the view that there is no necessity for a resignation. Judge Cotman was elevated to the Bench whilst Solicitor, and he was afterwards elected to Congress while on the Bench. It is further urged in support of this view, that Judge MacIntyre was elected to the Supreme Court whilst a member of the General Assembly, and that later Mr. Parker was a candidate for Judicial honors whilst holding a seat in the House of Representatives.

Speaking for oneself it seems that the precedents and the results would not favor a resignation.

Whatever fate may have come upon those who have heretofore held on to their offices while running for other offices, it would seem that the fate is against those who do resign.

Just now we do not recall a single instance of a Senator who has resigned, has been elected to another office.

But right or wrong, Senator Hemphill proposes to settle the question for himself. When asked if he was going to resign, he replied that he "had no idea of doing so."

Augusta's Condition.

We are in receipt of a circular from the cotton merchants of Augusta in reference to the recent flood, in which we think reflections are cast upon the newspapers. If a city ever attains any greatness the fact is generally made known by the newspapers, and we are inclined to think that the newspapers everywhere have been friendly to the city of Augusta. In that circular the merchants say:

"We have had the greatest freshet in our history, which goes to make up a great number of exceptions our merchants are as well prepared for business as if we had not been so long in the water. Our cotton merchants, sellers and buyers, are ready for all the business that can offer not a cotton warehouse in Augusta is in a worse condition than demand never better for cotton. The railroads will at once repair their washouts, and the steamers on the river will be in splendid condition, and the cotton compress in place."

DEATH OF MAJOR M. G. ZEIGLER.

Abbeville's Most Popular Citizen Meets With a Violent and Untimely Death.

A deep gloom was cast over our community on last Thursday by the violent and untimely death of our popular and efficient Clerk of the Court, Major M. G. Zeigler, who was run over and killed by the train about a mile and a half from Abbeville.

Major Zeigler was born in Barnwell county near Bamberg in 1839, and was educated at the Cokesbury Conference School. In 1849 he married Miss Mary Ann Wood, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Dunwoody, and was engaged in farming until the beginning of the war.

He first came to arms he volunteered in the service of his State, and his record as a soldier was unsurpassed. He was promoted to the rank of Major in the 10th Regiment. In the Fall of 1861 he was sent by Col. Orr to organize a company. In a few weeks he was promoted to the rank of Major, and was unanimously elected Captain, and with his company joined the 10th Regiment.

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After the war, although broken in health and shattered in spirit, he bravely braved the elements, and was chosen a member of the Union forces exposed to the fire of our own countrymen.

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MEETING OF ABBEVILLE BAR.

L. D. Connor for Unexpired Term of Clerk of Court.

The members of the Abbeville Bar held a meeting in Mr. Benet's office on Saturday morning, Sept. 15th, at 10 o'clock. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a successor to the late M. G. Zeigler, Clerk of Court, to fill his unexpired term. The meeting was held on the second Monday in October. The members of the bar were present: L. D. Connor, Esq., J. D. Connor, Esq., J. W. Wideman, Esq., W. T. McDonald, Esq., Thos. L. Moore, Esq., and others.

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railroad bridge. The body was swept beneath debris and has not been recovered. Age 25 years.

Boliver Williamson, white, foreman in the Shilby mill, drowned by the capsizing of a boat on the Savannah river. Body not recovered. Dan Higgins, white, plumber, aged 18, drowned by the capsizing of a boat Wednesday morning, near Fenwick and Campbell streets. Body not recovered.

Walter Baird, colored, aged 10 years, drowned by the capsizing of a boat Wednesday morning, near Fenwick and Campbell streets. Body not recovered. James Cooper, colored, aged 72 years, drowned in boat on Central railroad yard Wednesday.

White Watchman at Port Royal railroad bridge washed away while in watch house; name not obtainable. Colored Assistant, washed away with watchman and house; name not obtained.

A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND LOWNESSVILLE. Visitors Going and Coming—Rains—Crops—Back From Tallapoosa—Horse Theft Caught in Georgia—What a Negro Bought as a Face Protector.

LOWNESSVILLE, S. C., Sept. 10, 1888. We have come very near having a well. Cotton and corn are now both sprouting in the fields.

There is now considerable demand in this township for red oats. Those having them for sale, would do well to advertise them. The railroad is now open to Long Caney.

Rev. W. S. Martin went to Anderson Saturday evening and was to occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning, but difficulties were prevented by the rain.

Mr. J. H. McCalla attended the State Convention of the Farmers' Union at Columbia, and returned home on Saturday.

Mr. Munro Cook, of the Port, was handling a gun last Friday night, and was "cocked" in the foot with a hole through it.

Many of the best Savannah river are again badly damaged, making the fourth year in succession that the planters on that river have seriously suffered because of high water.

There is now being some good fat beef and mutton put upon our market, and at fair prices.

Mr. E. W. Harper was off the railroad for several days last week. His brother, Mr. Charles Harper, was off the railroad for several days last week.

Mr. J. M. and Master Ellis Huckleback spent a day and night in Due West last week.

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REMOVAL!

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE PAST six years our rapidly increasing business has forced us to seek MORE ROOM, and we can now be found in the

Barnwell Store

Third Door from

OUR OLD STAND,

where we are prepared to show an elegant

Stock of

General Merchandise.

As he refore our specialty will be

STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES,

and in addition have a large and well assorted

STOCK OF DRY GOODS,

Boots, Shoes, Hats,

Ready-Made CLOTHING,

Hardware,

and in short everything kept in a FIRST-CLASS STORE, and as to PRICES we, as usual, will be at the BOTTOM on everything.

You are not already one of our customers, gentle reader, it might pay you to call in and see if you could not be paid for your trouble.

R. W. Cannon.

Sept. 5, 1888, if

Bridge Notice.

THE CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A NEW bridge at Due West on Long Caney, will be let to the lowest responsible bidder on WEDNESDAY the 3rd day of OCTOBER, 1888, at 11 o'clock A. M. Specifications given on the day of letting. Contractor to give bond and security. Letting at bridge.

J. W. LITES,

County Commissioner.

September 4, 1888.

Brigde Notice.

THE REBUILDING of the bridge at ALLEWINES MILL will be let to the lowest bidder at the bridge on the 22nd of SEPTEMBER next, at 11 o'clock A. M. Specifications given on day of letting.

G. M. MATTISON,

County Commissioner.

August 22, 1888.

University of South Carolina,

AT COLUMBIA, S. C.

INCLUDES GRADUATE DEPARTMENT, College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Pharmacy, Normal School, Law School.

Graduates in General, special, or professional degrees and certificates. Instruction given in Book-keeping and Penmanship. Thoroughly equipped Chemical, Mineralogical, Biological, Physiological, Physical, and Pharmaceutical Laboratories. Also Mechanical Department, with engine machinery, Drafting Room and Shops for wood and iron work. Experimental Farm. Model Class connected with Normal School for practice in teaching. New Infirmary.

Tuition—\$40 per Session. Other Fees, \$15. Table Board, \$10, to \$12 month. Rooms free of rent. Total cost, including fuel, washing, books, etc., about \$180.

Tuition Fee remitted to Students certifying their inability to pay it.

For further information, apply to J. M. BRYDE, President.

August 1, 1888.